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In re application of  
Holt, et al.

Application No. 09/449,851

Filed: November 24, 1999

Date: December 8, 1999

For: Taste Masking Rapid Release  
Coating System

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PETITION TO ACCORD CORRESPONDENCE FILING  
DATE SHOWN ON EXPRESS MAIL "DATE-IN"  
(37 C.F.R. 1.10(c))

Sir:

This is a petition to accord the above-identified application a filing date of November 24, 1999, which is the date the application was deposited with the United States Postal Service (U.S.P.S.) with proper postage and the "date-in" shown on the Express Mail Label No. EL458513693US. It is respectfully contended that the date of "November 26, 1999" accorded this correspondence by the PTO is incorrect.

Submitted herewith as EXHIBIT A is an Affidavit of Phyllis Kelly, the applicants' attorneys' Manager of U.S. Patent and Trademark Administration, who establishes when the discrepancy was discovered and that this petition is being filed promptly thereafter.

Submitted herewith as EXHIBIT B is a true copy of the first page of the correspondence which was filed, showing both that the correspondence was mailed as

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage, as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on December 8, 1999.

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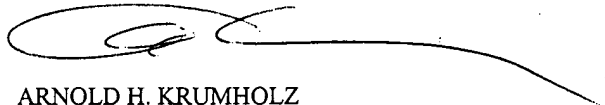
Submitted herewith as EXHIBIT C is a photocopy of a computer report from the U.S.P.S. containing the Express Mail label number of all items mailed under this firm's corporate account (No. 070255) and the mailing date of November 24, 1999. The Express Mail label (EL458513693US) for the above application is highlighted in yellow on the computer report. Also submitted as EXHIBIT D is a true copy of the "Express Mail" mailing label showing the "date-in" of November 24, 1999.

The petition fee in the amount of \$130 or any fee deficiency should be charged to applicants' attorneys' deposit account no. 12-1095.

It is believed that more than sufficient evidence has been provided to establish that the mailing date by Express Mail of the application was November 24, 1999, and that such evidence is corroborated from the U.S.P.S. It is respectfully requested that this petition be granted and the above application be accorded a filing date of November 24, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

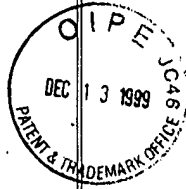
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I, PHYLLIS KELLY, declare as follows:

1. I am employed by the firm of Lerner, David, Littenberg, Krumholz & Mentlik, LLP as the Manager of U.S. Patent and Trademark Administration. It is one of my responsibilities to ensure that all correspondence mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) via Express Mail includes a receipt date of the "date-in" on the Express Mail label.

2. On December 6, 1999, I received and reviewed the postcard returned by the PTO for the mailing of the above application. The postcard contained a receipt date of November 26, 1999, a date two days after the mailing date via Express Mail of the application.

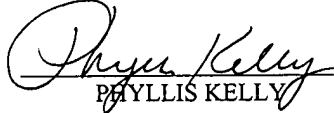
3. On December 7, 1999, I obtained from the Westfield Post Office the computer report for all items mailed on November 24, 1999 under the firm's corporate account. The report indicated the application containing Express Mail label

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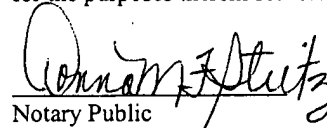
4. These statements are made promptly after receipt of the postcard from the PTO and the computer report from the Post Office.

Date 12/8/99

  
PHYLLIS KELLY

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On this 8th date of December, 1999, before me personally came the above-named Phyllis Kelly to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged to me that the same was executed by her of her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

  
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Title : TASTE MASKING RAPID RELEASE COATING SYSTEM

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find the following documents in the above-identified application for Letters Patent of the United States, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application Serial No. 60/110,032, filed November 25, 1998:

1	Pages of Abstract	Unexecuted Declaration (executed Declaration to follow)
18	Pages of Specification	One (1) return-addressed postcard
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